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July 20, 2010

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

16 AUGUST 3, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 20 (UTILITIES) OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE,
SECTION 20.32.390, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF SEWERS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to introduce and approve an ordinance amending Title 20 (Utilities) of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 20.32.390, to provide for the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Works to accept offers of dedication of sewers constructed other than in connection with new subdivisions.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve for introduction an ordinance amending Title 20 (Utilities) of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 20.32.390, to provide for the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Works to accept offers of dedication of sewers constructed other than in connection with new subdivisions.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to amend Title 20 (Utilities) of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 20.32.390, to provide for the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Works, acting as the County Engineer, to accept offers of dedication of sewers constructed other than in connection with new subdivisions on behalf of the County of Los Angeles (County).

Title 20 currently delegates authority to the County Engineer to accept, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, sanitary sewers only in connection with new subdivisions. This recommended action

provides for the acceptance of offers of dedication of all rights, title, and interest of sanitary sewer systems to the County for operation and maintenance. The result of this action will be a more efficient acceptance process of sewer systems by the County and will protect public health and the environment, ensure safety, and improve the quality of life in the County for its residents and visitors.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by simplifying the process of accepting sewer improvements for public use and ensuring the operation and maintenance of all public sewer systems.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Maintenance and operation of sanitary sewer systems, which have been accepted by the County, is funded with Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District funds. There is no increase in net County cost as a result of the acceptance of these facilities.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County Engineer already has delegated authority to accept the dedication of sewers constructed as part of a subdivision, pursuant to Section 21.36.150 of the County Code.

The proposed ordinance has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed ordinance is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed ordinance is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Adoption of the enclosed ordinance will provide for the acceptance of sanitary sewer systems by the County, which will provide greater public health and safety to residents and visitors of the County and does not have an adverse impact on County services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of the letter and ordinance to the Department of Public Works, Land Development Division.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel